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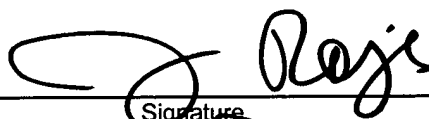
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1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
1252	400	2252	200	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	920	2253	460	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,440	2254	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,960	2255	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,280	2453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,280	2501	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	460	2502	230	Design issue fee	
1503	620	2503	310	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1809	740	2809	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
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1801	740	2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

A petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2003, for one month, to August 3, 2003, is submitted herewith. A list of the pending claims is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In response to the Office Action, please enter the following response as follows: